Pradesh for stopping kar seva in Ayodhya on the 30th October last;

(b) whether these forces had pellet guns also;

(c) if not, the reasons for which several kar sevaks were hospitalised with pellet wounds; and

(d) whether some outsiders had donned the uniforms of para-military forces|PAC etc. and mingled with them and fired at the kar sevaks; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Maintenance of "Public Order" is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government do not generally have such details. However, 198 Companies of para-military forces were placed at the disposal of Govt. of UP.

Bodies of Ram Bhaktas found from Saryu River

540. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bodies of Ram Bhaktas from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, etc. have been found from Saryu river in Ayodhya after the 30th October, and 2nd November, 1990 with pellet bullet wounds and their hands and waist tide to bags and earthen jars filled with sand so that the dead bodies of Ram Bhaktas may not float and evidence of killings may be erased;

(b) if so, the names of such persons, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government would fix the responsibility of shooting them and later drowning the bodies in this manner in Saryu river and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government and the same would be laid on the Table of the House.

Telecasting the views of religious personalities on Ram Janambhoomi issue

541. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of times Shahi Imam of Delhi was shown on TV and his views telecast in the context of the Ram Janambhoomi Temple issue datewise; and

(b) the names of Shankracharyas and other Hindu religious saints who were similarly shown on TV and views of the other side on the Ram Janambhoomi issue telecast recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Shahi Imam of Delhi was covered by Doordarshan in its news bulletins six times, including three times in visual on 14-10-90, 23-10-90, 24-10-90, 3-11-90, 6-11-90 and 16-11-90.

(b) The names of Shankracharyas and other Hindu religious saints are as under:

Shankracharya of Jyoti Math Jagatguru and

Shankracharya Niranjan Dev Tirath of Puri

Mahant Lal Das

Mahant Sewa Das

Swami Harinarayanand

Swami Prasananji

Swami Vishwesh Teerathji